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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



GWIPP began life more than ten years ago as the brainchild of Don Lehman, GW's Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs. Don is in the process of retiring, and I wanted to acknowledge not only his seminal contribution, but also the valuable advice and support he has given GWIPP over the years.

Don's retirement provides an opportunity to reflect on GWIPP's past and present. GWIPP, in fact, was not the Institute's original name. It started life as the George Washington Institute of Public Policy and Research (GIPPER). I am proud to say that

one of my first acts was to change GIPPER to GWIPP! GWIPP began as an institute whose mission was to encourage and facilitate externally funded public policy research throughout the University, and we continue to pursue that mission today. GWIPP used to house the Masters of Public Policy program that was then a part of the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences. A companion Masters of Public Policy and Business program was housed in the Business School. When the Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration came into existence in 2003, the MPP program that had been housed in GWIPP moved to the new school and GWIPP became a separate research institute.

Consequently, GWIPP is not part of the Trachtenberg School, although we work extremely closely with the school and its faculty. Instead, we report directly to the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs (Don Lehman) through the Associate Vice President for Research (Anne Hirshfield) and the Vice President for Research (Leo Chalupa) because we service the entire University. With Don's retirement and the appointment of Steve Lerman to head the newly created office of Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, GWIPP will report to Steve through the same arrangements.

We have understood from the beginning that our services will only be utilized if faculty members, their units, and their schools are not disadvantaged in any way by choosing to bring their projects through GWIPP rather than through their normal school research proposal process. In order to make this clear, Leo Chalupa, the VP for Research recently sent an e-mail to the school deans that I quote in full here:

"I write to remind you of a great in-house resource to assist you with public policy research. The George Washington Institute of Public Policy (GWIPP) is a university funded institution whose mission is to encourage and facilitate externally funded public policy research by faculty, institutes, and centers throughout the university. This is accomplished by providing an infrastructure for preparing proposals and managing research. The assistance GWIPP provides is at no cost to the PI, their dean, or their school/college; full credit for the project will reside with the PI and their associated unit, Research Enhancement Incentive Awards (REIA) indirect cost returns will be distributed through the current formula, and all salary savings will accrue to the Dean of the PIs school. Please consider making use of this wonderful campus resource in submitting proposals and managing your research funds."

GWIPP very much looks forward to continuing work with Vice-President Chalupa and his office as well as with Provost Lerman.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hal Wolman".

WHAT CAN GWIPP DO FOR YOU?

FOR CLIENTS AND FUNDERS:

- GWIPP applies the skills of GW faculty and graduate research assistants to your research
- GWIPP researchers are experienced in the academic, government, and nonprofit areas, and bring their strengths in each to your project
- GWIPP researchers have published extensively in their fields of expertise

FOR GW FACULTY:

- GWIPP's Policy Research Scholar program offers targeted assistance to faculty members pursuing policy research
- GWIPP puts together research teams by recruiting faculty with similar interests or pertinent skills
- GWIPP assists in the process of transforming a research interest into a viable research project
- GWIPP assists in identifying external funding sources with relevant research interests, many of whom already have a funding relationship with GWIPP
- GWIPP helps construct funding proposals, develop budgets, and submit proposals
- GWIPP administers and manages grants once awarded

FOR GW GRADUATE STUDENTS:

- GWIPP hires graduate research assistants for public policy projects that provide valuable experience in funded or client-centered research
- GWIPP provides the opportunity to work closely with researchers on current policy issues, learn how to design and implement research projects, and convey findings to a target audience
- GWIPP offers opportunities to present research at conferences, submit articles for publication, and gain useful background information for your research interests, including dissertation work

For more information, contact Garry Young at YoungG@gwu.edu or 202-994-6494.

CENTER FOR WASHINGTON AREA STUDIES

The Center for Washington Area Studies (CWAS) undertakes and promotes policy research relevant to the District of Columbia and the Washington metropolitan area. Directed by Garry Young, the center is multi-disciplinary and university-wide, and is uniquely placed to draw from the wide range of expertise available at GW. Recent CWAS research includes an analysis of the factors that affect the economic competitiveness of the District of Columbia, a comparison of bicycling policies in three area counties, an analysis of the commercial property market in the District, a study of the policy impact of

the District's lack of representation in Congress, two studies comparing Washington, D.C. to other nation's capitals, and an examination of the infrastructure needs of the District of Columbia. Recent funders of CWAS projects include the District of Columbia's Office of the Chief Financial Officer, the Trellis Fund, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and Our Nation's Capital.

Aside from research carried out at CWAS, the center also supports efforts by GW faculty to seek external funding for research related to the Washington region. For example, CWAS participates in the Policy Research Scholar program by funding a Scholar doing Washington-relevant research.

POLICY RESEARCH SCHOLAR PROGRAM

The Policy Research Scholar program is a critical part of GWIPP's effort to encourage and facilitate public policy research at GW. In an annual competition, GW faculty submit proposals for policy-based research they hope to develop. Those selected are given the title of Policy Research Scholar and serve in that capacity for one year. Each Scholar is required to develop his or her project during that year and submit a proposal for external funding. Scholars receive a variety of resources from GWIPP. These include \$10,000 that can be used fully for summer stipend or \$5,000 in summer stipend coupled with one course release. Additionally, GWIPP staff help Scholars identify potential funders, develop their proposals, construct budgets, submit proposals, and administer the grants once funded.

The Policy Research Scholars who commence their term in Fall 2010 constitute the program's tenth cohort of Policy Research Scholars. Scholars come from all the campus schools and from many of the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences departments. They have worked on a wide range of policy-related projects, bringing in more than \$4.2 million in external funding to the University.

The announcement for the next Policy Research Scholar competition will be distributed to the campus community in early November 2010. Proposals will be due Friday, December 17, 2010.

For more information on GWIPP's Policy Research Scholar program, please consult GWIPP's PRS website (<http://www.gwu.edu/~gwipp/prs.htm>) or contact Garry Young at YoungG@gwu.edu or (202) 994-6494.

For a listing of current Scholars, please reference page 13.

IMPLEMENTING REGIONALISM: CONNECTING EMERGING THEORY AND PRACTICE TO INFORM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

BY: DR. HAL WOLMAN

I am currently leading a project called “Implementing Regionalism: Connecting Emerging Theory and Practice to Inform Economic Development” funded by the Surdna Foundation. The project is being conducted in collaboration with Bob Weissbourd and RW Ventures, a Chicago-based research and consulting firm. GWIPP Research Professor Andrea Sarzynski and research assistants Alice Levy and Diana Hincapie are also working on the project.

The project begins on the premise that while the region (metropolitan area) is the locus of the real economy, what is known about regional systems is often not reflected in the actions of economic development policy makers and practitioners. The purposes of the project are to examine how regional systems interact to affect regional economic growth and development, identify leverage points for intervention, and suggest policies and practices that should be considered to encourage growth in different regional economies.

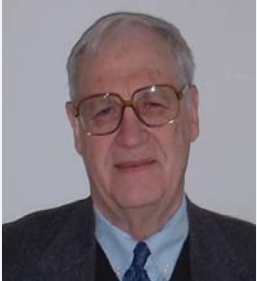
The first step of the project was to identify regional systems that interact to produce regional economic growth and to review existing literature regarding how they do so. While acknowledging there are a large number of such systems, the project team chose six for greater focus: the production process system (the system through which firms determine what to produce, how much, and with what combination of resources), the regional labor market, housing market, land market, transportation system, and the public sector (government). The product of this effort includes a series of diagrams explaining how these systems relate to one another that will serve as a tool for conceptual clarification.

We also focused on five processes that derive from the interactions of these systems and that have important impacts on regional economic growth: industrial and occupational clusters, innovation, spatial efficiency, deployment of human capital, and governance. After a review of the literature, we began drafting papers that outlined the theoretical logic for how each of these processes affects regional economic growth. We then reviewed empirical research on the relationship between each and regional economic growth, identified points of possible intervention by policy makers, and discussed potential strategic interventions. We also aim to identify what is not known from the research literature on these processes and their relationship to regional economic growth and to present an agenda for future research.

The product of this effort will be a report aimed at policy makers and practitioners. A draft of the report will be discussed at an expert workshop in mid-November, after which the report will be revised for publication.

RUN: A TRANSATLANTIC GWIPP INITIATIVE

BY: DR. CLARENCE STONE



RUN is an acronym for Regenerating Urban Neighborhoods, a project focused on the politics of policy intervention in distressed urban neighborhoods. The project is transatlantic in scope, involving researchers studying neighborhood policies in fourteen cities across eight countries. Six of the cities are North American: Baltimore, Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles, Phoenix, and Toronto. Eight are in Europe: Paris, Lille, Manchester, Leicester, Berlin, Prague, Rotterdam, and Zurich.

Neighborhoods have long been a concern to policy makers and social reformers, and they have been intertwined with a variety of policy goals from reinvigorating local democracy to combating poverty, from immigrant integration to developing livable cities. The RUN project was conceived as a way to gain a better understanding of how and why neighborhood policy interventions take place, how various city-level players understand neighborhoods, and what makes some policy interventions more sustainable than others. It is thus a project about how things work, not primarily one of advocacy. Policy ideas have an important place, but policy-politics interaction has a major claim on urban research, and that is the call to which RUN responds.

The RUN research team is made up of myself, Hal Wolman (Director of GWIPP), and Robert Stoker of GW's Political Science Department. A four-day workshop at the Bellagio Research and Studies Center in Italy launched the project. I received an invitation from the Rockefeller Foundation to convene a working group to design research examining the politics of urban neighborhoods. The group met in November of 2005 and is now bringing the research phase to a close.

To cope with the logistics and expense of contemporary transatlantic travel, the overall research group operates as two wings, one North American, and the other European. Each is now gearing up for a publication phase. The European wing is working toward a special journal issue, and has just concluded a two-day workshop at the University of Zurich for that purpose. Convened by Daniel Kuebler of that university's department of political science, the workshop was attended by Clarence Stone as well as members of the European team. The North American wing is putting together a book covering the six cities on the western side of the Atlantic. They expect to complete the manuscript during 2011, with its next meeting scheduled for New Orleans in January.

During an American Political Science Association short course on Comparative Urban Research, I presented the RUN project as part of a growing trend to conduct research with cross-national participants and sites of study. The next phase of the RUN project will be to bring the North American and European teams together to plot comparative study that is fully transatlantic in scope, showing the extent to which neighborhood policy and politics are both multi-level and multi-sector.

SELECTED ONGOING PROJECTS

LEGISLATIVE TACTICS

SUPPORTER: NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

START DATE: MARCH 2010

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: FORREST MALTZMAN

This project examines the “lives” of laws. Some laws cease to exist rather quickly, many persist for decades. Some undergo major changes to their character, while others receive little to no amendment over time. The project seeks to understand the factors that lead to differences in how laws endure over time. Does Congress use particular tactics that increase the likelihood that a given law survives over time with little adjustment? Do the political or institutional conditions at enactment -- such as divided government -- affect durability?

LINKING MCH AND WIC: INTEGRATING PERINATAL DEPRESSION SCREENING AND PREVENTION FOR HIGH RISK WOMEN

FUNDER: NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

START DATE: FEBRUARY 2010

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: HUYNH-NHU LE

Perinatal depression is a significant public health problem with effects extending beyond women to their children, families, and society. Although there are identifiable risk factors and effective treatments, few women, especially low-income ethnic-minority women, receive screening or treatment during this critical period. This project builds on an eight-year partnership between researchers at George Washington University, Georgetown University, and the Mary’s Center for Maternal and Child Care, a community-based health clinic serving low-income ethnic-minority families. The specific aims of this project are to integrate routine screening for perinatal depression in the Mary’s Center WIC program, expand the prenatal Mothers and Babies course (an eight-week cognitive-behavioral preventative intervention) for both pregnant women and mothers in their first postpartum year, evaluate the effectiveness of the program on preventing perinatal depression and improving the health and well-being of women and their infants, and assess the impact of the program on Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) participation and outcomes up to the first year postpartum.

USING MARKET ANALYSIS OF HOME VALUES TO MEASURE THE ECONOMIC AND FISCAL EFFECTS OF MULTI-USE TRAILS

FUNDER: ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION

START DATE: JANUARY 2010

INVESTIGATORS: GARRY YOUNG, ANDREA SARZYNSKI, JOE CORDES, HAL WOLMAN, AND JEREMY LARRIEU

Multi-use trails encourage physical activity among all age groups. Their separation from motorized traffic makes them especially attractive for families with children. One concrete way to evaluate the economic benefit of trails to a community is to measure their impact on housing values. Does the presence of a trail affect housing prices? Does ease of access to a trail affect housing prices? In this study, we will estimate the economic impact of trail presence and access on housing values in Montgomery County, Maryland. In addition, the study will use its findings to calculate the impact of property tax revenues produced by the trails and compare those values with the construction and maintenance costs of the trails borne by the Montgomery County government.

EARLY SOCIAL COMMUNICATION CHARACTERISTICS OF ASD IN DIVERSE CULTURES IN THE US AND AFRICA

FUNDER: NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

START DATE: OCTOBER 2009

RESEARCHER: ROY GRINKER (AS SUBCONTRACT THROUGH FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY)

There is a pressing need to improve early detection of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) so that families can access intensive, appropriate intervention services as early as possible. However, studies indicate that important racial and ethnic disparities exist in the identification and diagnosis of children with ASD in the US, which affect access to services. Very little research is available on ASD from developing countries. This research investigation is a foundational study of early social communication markers of ASD in children from two diverse cultures from two different countries -- Latino immigrants in Southeastern US and the KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) province of South Africa.

SIGNIFICANT FEATURES OF THE PROPERTY TAX

SUPPORTER: LINCOLN INSTITUTE OF LAND POLICY

START DATE: JUNE 2006

INVESTIGATORS: PAT ATKINS, CATHERINE COLLINS, HAL WOLMAN, AND GARRY YOUNG

This ongoing collaborative effort between GWIPP and the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy collects a wide range of data detailing the property tax in all fifty states and the District of Columbia. The project continues to update major characteristics of the property tax, having added 2007 and 2008 data sets to the web-based Significant Features and expanding the information to include 2009 data. New research is being completed on state property tax classification systems and effective tax rates, as well as expanding the review of truth in taxation requirements and tax limits. This extensive compilation, the most complete of its kind, is available to the public on the web at www.lincolninst.edu/subcenters/significant-features-property-tax.

RESEARCH PROFESSOR PROFILE

DR. JOHN GIST

BY: KATIE BRUDER



Dr. John Gist grew up on the south side of Chicago, and is to this day an avid White Sox fan (“Remember 2005!”). His career path has been strongly influenced by an undergraduate history professor at Loyola of Chicago who told the class that universities would actually pay you to attend graduate school! He pursued that, and received a fellowship to study political science. He attended graduate school at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri where he continued in his political science studies, and stayed on that track into the academic world. Ultimately, he stopped teaching and

began a more research-heavy career, which also allowed him to live in a large city, specifically DC.

Dr. Gist has studied government finance since graduate school, and carried that interest to AARP. At AARP, he worked on budget and tax policy, especially federal entitlement programs and tax expenditures. His interests broadened due to a range of economic security issues; including Social Security, pensions, retirement saving, income and wealth distribution, household debt, poverty and inequality, and related issues. He has also done work on aging and health policy, and his work on retirement wealth has led to his interest in issues of home equity withdrawal, housing wealth effects, and housing debt and leverage.

Dr. Gist began at GWIPP in November of 2009 after spending nearly 23 years (1987-2009) at AARP’s Public Policy Institute. During that time, he served as Director of Economic Policy Studies and, prior to that, Senior Advisor for Fiscal and Economic issues. Dr. Gist was delighted when, a few months later, he was approached by Hal Wolman about a Research Professor position at GWIPP. He knew Dr. Wolman slightly from his teaching days. For Dr. Gist, working at GWIPP is a unique experience because he has mostly been in the position of giving out money to researchers for the past two decades, and is now in the position of pursuing funders. Currently, he is applying for grants from the Retirement Research Foundation and the Smith Richardson Foundation.

Prior to working at the Public Policy Institute at AARP, he spent about fifteen years teaching, his last position being at Virginia Tech in the department of Urban Affairs. He is also familiar with Dr. Joe Cordes, the Director of the School of Public Policy and Public Administration, whom GWIPP works closely with.

Since leaving AARP, Dr. Gist has published several book chapters and conference papers. One of these is “Housing Wealth Effects, Boomer Refinancing, Housing Debt, and Retirement Saving Adequacy—1989-2007” in *Housing in Retirement* (with Carlos Figueiredo and Satyendra Verma). It can be accessed at <http://www.soa.org/library/monographs/finance/housing-wealth/2009/september/mono-2009-mfi09-toc.aspx>. Another is “Population Aging, Entitlement Growth, and the Economy,” which is Chapter 10 in *Boomer Bust: Economic and Political Issues of the Graying Society* (2009). He has a forthcoming publication in the *Handbook of Aging and the Social Sciences*—Chapter 25, “Fiscal Implications of Population Aging.” It is expected to be published in 2010. He is a member of APPAM, AEA, APSA, NTA, SGE, and NEC, and presents papers when he has work ongoing.

POLICY RESEARCH SCHOLAR PROFILE

DR. ILANA FELDMAN

BY: KATIE BRUDER



Dr. Ilana Feldman was a GWIPP Policy Research Scholar in the program's 2008-2009 cohort. Her area of focus is Palestine and her research interests include bureaucracy, citizenship, security, and humanitarianism. Her first major research project was a study of government and the civil service in Gaza during the period of the British Mandate (1917-48) and Egyptian Administration (1948-67). The results of this research were published in a book *Governing Gaza: Bureaucracy, Authority, and the Work of Rule, 1917-67* (Duke University Press, 2008).

With support from the National Science Foundation, she is currently engaged in a large project investigating the impact of long-term humanitarian relief on Palestinian society. Looking at the Palestinian experience living with humanitarianism since 1948 to the present and in a number of countries in the Middle East where refugees have lived, the project seeks to understand how humanitarian aid has shaped Palestinian community and politics. This project involves archival and ethnographic research with both recipients of aid and relief workers (and in the Palestinian context these are sometimes one and the same). The first stage of this research project looked at the delivery relief in the Gaza Strip in the immediate aftermath of the 1948 displacement of Palestinians, examining the impact of the establishment of the categories "refugee" and "native" for the purposes of relief on relationships among Palestinians. She is currently conducting research in Jordan, working in the archive of the UN Agency for Palestinian Refugees [UNRWA] and in a refugee camp populated by people who were displaced to Gaza in 1948 and displaced a second time to Jordan in 1967. Future stages of the project will take her to Lebanon and Syria, as well.

Dr. Feldman first became interested in Palestine when she was in college at Wesleyan University, in Connecticut. After spending a semester in Jerusalem at the beginning of the first intifada (Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation) she wrote a senior thesis on the Palestinian women's movement. She continued to focus on gender-related questions when she pursued an MA in Near Eastern Studies at NYU. She then went to the University of Michigan where she completed her PhD in Anthropology and History in 2002. Dr. Feldman has published widely in her field, including articles in *American Ethnologist*, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, *Journal of Refugee Studies*, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, and notably was awarded the Cultural Horizons Prize in 2008 her article "Difficult Distinctions: Refugee Law, Humanitarian Practice, and Political Identification in Gaza," published in 2007 in *Cultural Anthropology*.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT PROFILE

KRISTIN BROUGHTON

BY: KATIE BRUDER



Before moving to DC to pursue her Masters of Public Policy, Kristin lived in Park Rapids, Minnesota. She completed her undergraduate degree in English at Macalester College in St. Paul. Afterward, motivated by one of her college economics projects, she moved to Portland, Oregon for a year to work as an AmeriCorps*VISTA for an Earned Income Tax Credit community coalition. She then went back to Minnesota to work in the major giving department at Minnesota Public Radio and the government grants department at Planned Parenthood before moving to DC to work on her Masters of Public Policy at the Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration (TSPPPA).

Kristin was in her first year of graduate work when she saw the job posting for a research assistant at GWIPP. She is now a part of the research team working on the Significant Features of the Property Tax project, GWIPP's ongoing project with the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. The purpose of the project is to provide informative and accurate data on property tax policy for policy researchers. The project leaders are Catherine Collins, Charlotte Kirschner, and Pat Atkins. Kristin and the other research assistants are working to collect information on property tax programs in all fifty states and the District of Columbia in order to supplement the already prolific database created by the project. Her work involves legal research such as reviewing state property tax laws and noting changes that occur each year. She also looks through state budgets and statistical reports for data on how taxpayers are using incentive programs. Her favorite aspects of the work include the challenge of writing concise summaries of complex property tax statutes, improving her writing skills, and expanding her quantitative abilities.

Kristin was drawn to public policy because of her interest in its effects on people's everyday lives and on societal goals, and finds the link between small actions and large outcomes fascinating. She is most interested in the area of public finance and budgeting, and looks forward to learning more about state property tax programs during her time with GWIPP. Last year she served as Associate Editor of *Policy Perspectives*, TSPPPA's academic journal. She has also volunteered at Community Tax Aid DC. Her proudest achievement to date is her life-changing move to DC to pursue her degree.

NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS

FOURTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON URBAN AND REGIONAL POLICY AND ITS EFFECTS: MAY 20TH-21ST, 2010

The fourth annual Conference on Urban and Regional Policy and Its Effects, co-sponsored by Brookings, GWIPP, the Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration, and the Urban Institute was held on the GW campus May 20 and 21st. This year's conference was also co-sponsored by the Building Resilient Region (BRR) project and was devoted to "regional resilience." BRR is funded by the MacArthur Foundation through the University of California-Berkeley.

The conference featured seven papers, one of which, "Regional Shocks and Regional Economic Resilience" was presented by GWIPP Research Assistant Travis St. Clair (Ph.D. student in the Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Administration) and co-authored by GWIPP Director Hal Wolman. Papers were followed by remarks from discussants and commentators, several of whom are members of the current Administration. The papers and discussants were:

"Regional Resilience: How Do We Know It When We See It?"

Authors: Kathryn Foster, University at Buffalo, SUNY

Discussants: Alan Ehrenhalt, Pew Center on the States

Clarence Stone, George Washington Institute of Public Policy

Commentator: Derek Douglas, Special Assistant to the President for Urban Policy

"Resilience in the Face of Foreclosures: How National Actors Shape Local Responses"

Authors: Todd Swanstrom, University of Missouri, St. Louis

Discussants: Tom Kingsley, The Urban Institute

Jeffrey Lubell, Center for Housing Policy

Commentator: Todd Richardson, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"The Metropolitics of Immigrant Incorporation"

Author: John Mollenkopf, City University of New York Graduate Center

Manuel Pastor, University of Southern California

Discussants: Audrey Singer, Brookings Institution

Michael Fix, Migration Policy Institute

Commentator: Alejandro Mayorkas, Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

"Bringing Equity to Transit-Oriented Development: Stations, Systems, and Regional Resilience"

Authors: Juliet Gainsborough, Bentley University

Kate Lowe, Cornell University

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Mai Nguyen, University of North Carolina-Chapel

Rolf Pendall, Cornell University

Discussants: Derek Hyra, Virginia Tech

Raymond Sendejas, GAO

“Economic Shocks and Regional Economic Resilience”

Authors: Edward Hill, Cleveland State University

Travis St. Clair, George Washington Institute of Public Policy

Howard Wial, Brookings Institution

Hal Wolman, George Washington Institute of Public Policy

Discussants: Marie Howland, University of Maryland

Brad Whitehead, Fund for Our Economic Future, Cleveland

Commentator: Raphael Bostic, Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

“Adapting Institutions to the New Dimensions of Metropolitan Poverty”

Authors: Sarah Reckhow, Michigan State University

Margaret Weir, University of California-Berkeley

Discussants: Scott Allard, University of Chicago

Linda Hoffman, National Governors Association

Commentator: Erika Poethig, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, HUD

“Comparing Regional Water Policy in the Wet and Dry Sunbelts”

Author: Robert Lang, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Discussants: Robert McDonald, Nature Conservancy

Andrea Sarzynski, GWIPP

The papers can be found on the GWIPP website at <http://www.gwu.edu/~gwipp/2010%20conference%20papers.html>. Following revision, they will be published by the Brookings Institution Press.

WELCOME TO GWIPP

Cathy Collins has been hired as a GWIPP Senior Research Associate to manage the collaborative project with the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy on the Significant Features of the Property Tax. Cathy replaces Charlotte Kirschner, who will be finishing her dissertation. Prior to coming to GWIPP, Cathy served as Senior Policy Analyst on the State Fiscal Project at the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities. She has also served as Vice President for Risk Management-Public Finance at CIFG, New York and as Vice President-Senior Credit Officer at Moody’s Investment Service.

We are excited to welcome Royce Hanson back to GWIPP as a research professor. Royce recently served several years as chair of the Montgomery County (MD) Planning Board. He brings to GW a long resume of both academic and practical experience in urban politics and policy. He plans to work on several projects, most notably a book manuscript on planning politics and the public interest.

GWIPP welcomes new Research Professor Andy Reamer. Andy comes to us from the Brookings Institution where he managed the Federal Data Project for the Metropolitan Policy Program. He is a national expert on federal data systems and serves as Chair, Data Users Advisory Committee, Bureau of Labor Statistics (2009-present); member, Bureau of Economic Analysis Advisory Committee (2007-present); and member, Steering Committee, Census Bureau Local Employment Dynamics Program (2007-present). In addition to his work on federal data, his research areas include regional economic development, program evaluation, and social and economic indicators. Andy's Ph.D. is in Urban Affairs and Planning from MIT. His first research project at GWIPP is entitled "Improving Federal Economic Statistics (Phase III)" and will be funded by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation.

GWIPP TRAVELS

GWIPP Director Hal Wolman presented a paper on "Economic Competitiveness, Clusters, and Cluster-Based Development" at the Ninth Annual Conference on Global Competitiveness held in Nanjing, China this past June. The conference was sponsored by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

GWIPP Research Professor Andrea Sarzynski presented a paper on "Local Policy Responses to Urban Air Pollution and Ecosystem Stress" at the First Annual Conference on Urbanization and Global Environmental Change in Phoenix in October. The paper was supported by the GW Sustainability Institute and co-authored by GWIPP Research Assistant Jeremy Larrieu.

2010-2011 POLICY RESEARCH SCHOLARS

Steven Balla, Associate Professor of Political Science
The Administrative Procedures Project: Rulemaking and Political Attention to Bureaucracy

Brandon Bartels, Assistant Professor of Political Science
The Constraining Capacity of Law: Legal Doctrine, Ideological Discretion, and Decision Making on the U.S. Supreme Court

Alexander Dent, Assistant Professor of Anthropology
Piracy and Creativity in Brazil

Charis Kubrin, Associate Professor of Sociology
The Collateral Consequences of Immigration Policy

Sharon Lambert, Assistant Professor of Psychology
Risks and Consequences of Youth Community Violence Exposure

Sharon Jo Lynch, Professor of Teacher Preparation and Special Education

An Exploration of STEM Schools: The Homegrown Promise of Widening the STEM Pipeline and Improving State and National Economies

Robert Phillips, Professor of Economics
Up in Smoke: The Political Economy of CO2 Emissions

Liesl Riddle, Associate Professor of International Business and International Affairs
Identifying Policy Prescriptions to Facilitate Diaspora Investment: A Longitudinal Study of Diaspora Investors in Sub-Saharan Africa

Roberto Samaniego, Associate Professor of Economics and International Affairs
Financing R&D in Times of Crisis

Greg Squires, Professor of Sociology
Segregation in Cyberspace: The Influence of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender in the Electronic Rental Housing Market

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